

OLIVER H. KELLEY, HOMESTEAD
15788 Kelley Farm Road
2 miles SE of Elk River, U.S. Hwy 10
Elk River vicinity
Sherburne County
Minnesota

HABS NO. MN-84

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Minnesota	COUNTY Sherburne	TOWN OR VICINITY Elk River vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) OLIVER HUDSON KELLEY HOMESTEAD		HABS NO. MN-84
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) on U.S. highway 10, 2.5 miles south of Elk River		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1869 (National Register nomination)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Kelley was the founder of the National Grange, a movement which sought political solutions to the problems of the farmer. This house served as headquarters, 1868-70. In 1866 Kelley a Dept. of Agriculture employee, was asked by Pres. Andrew Jackson to survey the agricul-*		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) vernacular Italianate		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) wood frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) rectangular main block, 3 bays by 2 bays with a low hipped roof. To the rear is rectangular ell 2 bays by 3 bays. Both sections are 2 stories.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE paired windows on the facade, wide, bracketed cornice, square 1 story bay to one side, rounded 2 story bay to other		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) parlor, dinning room, office, kitchen and pantry on first floor; 4 bedrooms and nursery on second. 12' high ceilings.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE Excellent condition, used as house museum; barn used as farm museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE *tural conditions of the devastated south. As a result of this experience, the idea of a national farmers organization was conceived. He returned to Minnesota in 1868 and proceeded to organize the National Grange. He was National Secretary for them until 1878.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination, prepared by John F. Grossman, Minnesota Historical Society, April 1970 Catalog of National Historic Landmarks		
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